

REMARKS

The present Action was in the form of an election/restriction requirement in which the applicants were required to restrict examination to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-15, drawn to an extrusion die;
- II. Claim 16, drawn to a method of extruding propellant.

The applicants were further required to select a species from the following list of species:

- a. Species A directed to pins that are integrally formed with said open lattice webbing structure;
- b. Species B directed to pins that are separately manufactured and fixed to said lattice webbing structure.

In response to the above requirements, applicants elect Group I containing claims 1-15 directed to an extrusion die and also elect Species A directed to pins integrally formed with said open lattice webbing structure.

In regard to the election, applicants further believe that claims 1-7, 10 and 13-15 all read on the elected species.

Applicants further traverse the election requirement as much as they believe that all the species are sufficiently closely related and closely related to the method so that all of the claims should be rejoined and commonly examined.

Early examination and allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

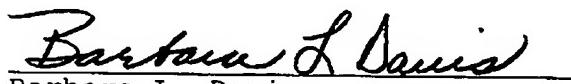
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CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment submitted in response to the Official Action dated March 9, 2005 and Transmittal Letter in application Serial No. 10/698,091, filed on October 31, 2003, of William J. Worrell, Jr., et al, entitled "PROPELLANT EXTRUSION DIE" are being sent by facsimile transmission to: The Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on March 14, 2005.



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